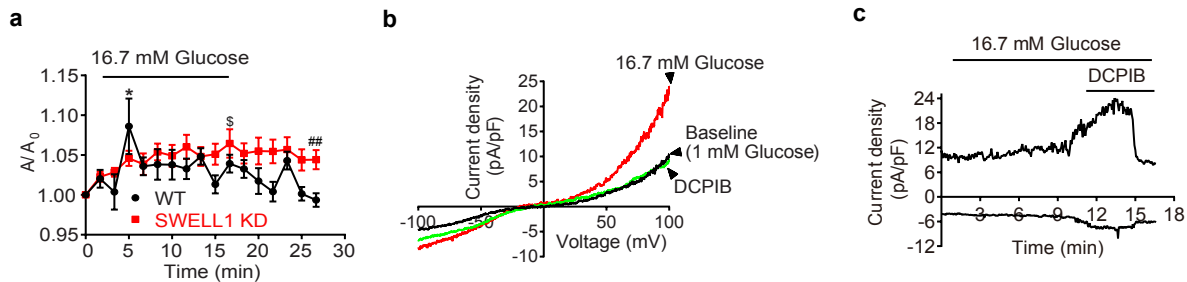


Supplementary Figure 1. Fluorescence images of adenovirally transduced murine and human islets.

(a) Murine islets freshly isolated from *Swell1^{tm1}* mice, cultured (BF: Bright field) and then co-transduced with Ad-RIP2-GFP (GFP) and Ad-CMV-mCherry (top, cytosolic mCherry: Control) or Ad-CMV-Cre-mCherry (bottom: nuclear-localized Cre-mCherry fusion protein; *Swell1* KO). (b) Human islets cultured (BF: Bright field) and then co-transduced with Ad-RIP2-GFP (GFP) and Ad-U6-shSCR-mCherry (top, mCherry: Control) or Ad-U6-shSWELL1-mCherry (bottom: mCherry; SWELL1 KD). Scale bar represents 50 μ m.

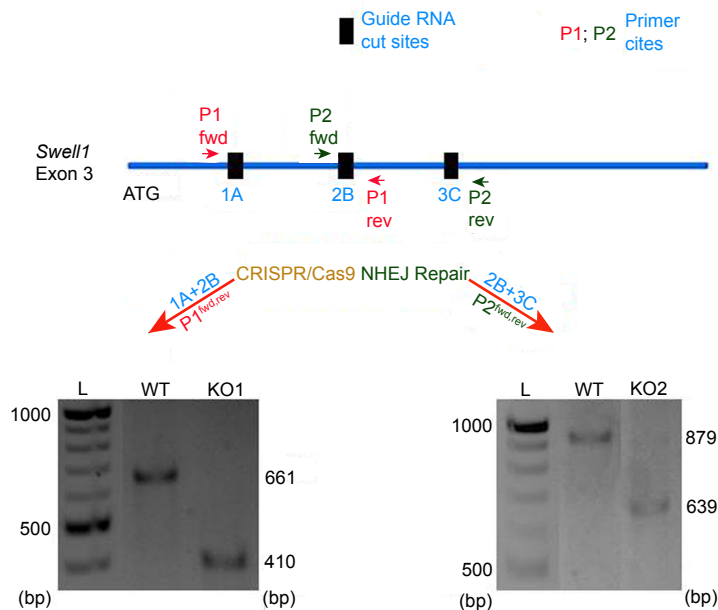


Supplementary Figure 2. Human β -cell $I_{Ci,SWELL}$ is activated by physiological swelling in response to glucose stimulation.

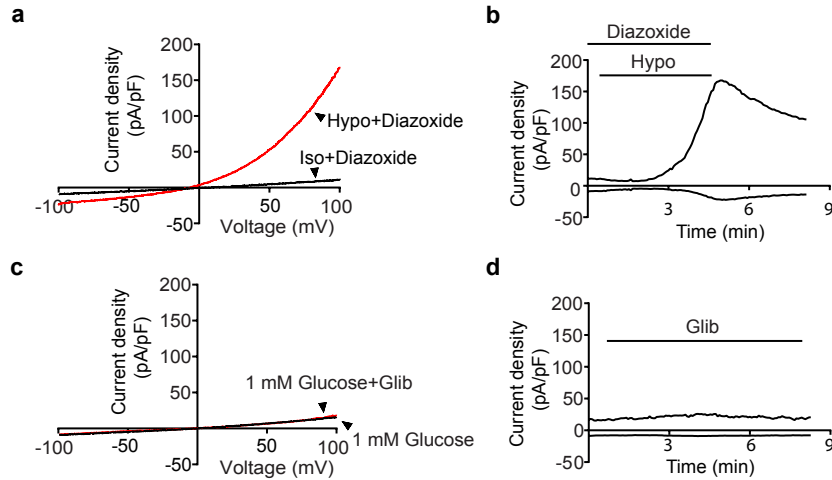
(a) Cross-sectional area of primary WT ($n = 9$ cells) and SWELL1 KD ($n = 8$ cells) human β -cells in response to glucose-stimulation

(16.7 mM glucose). **(b-c)** Human primary β -cell VRAC current-voltage relationship **(b)** and over time **(c)** with DCPiB inhibition (10 μ M).

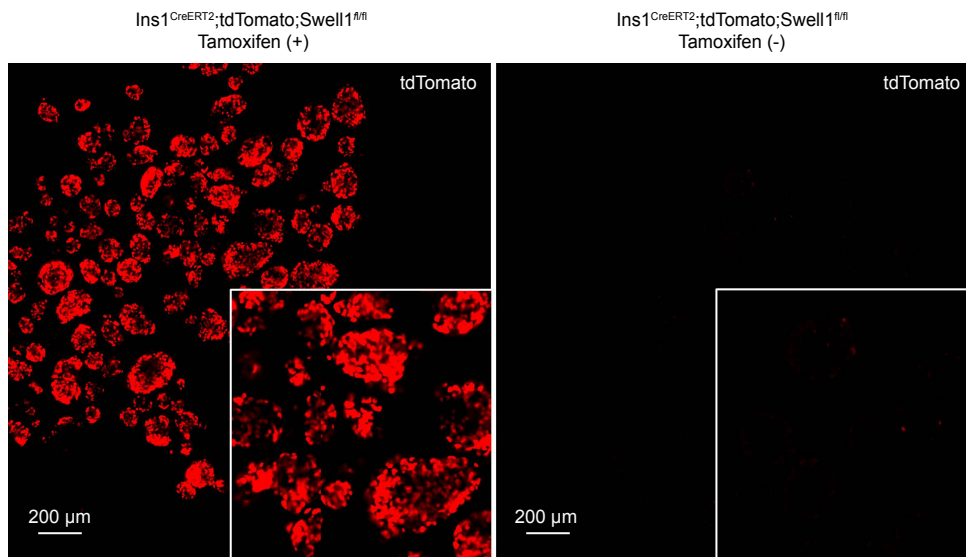
In (a), * $p < 0.05$ vs 0 min in WT, paired t-test; $^{\#}p < 0.05$ vs 0 min in SWELL1 KD, paired-test; $^{##}p < 0.01$ WT vs SWELL1 KD, unpaired t-test.



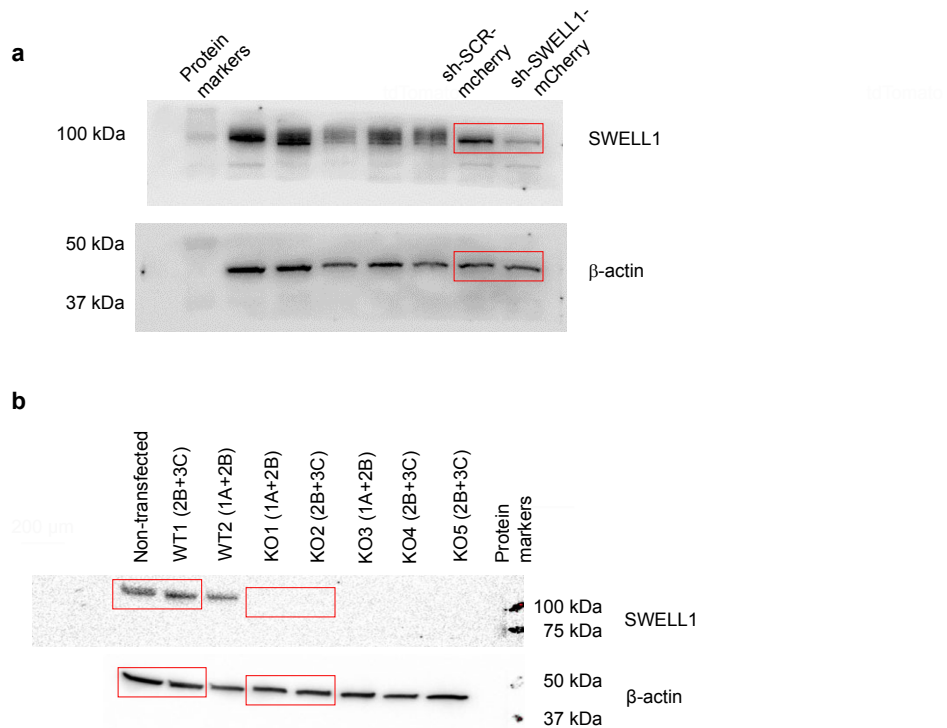
Supplementary Figure 3. CRISPR/cas9-mediated *Swell1* ablation in MIN6 cells Guide RNA sequences targeting exon 3 of the *Swell1* gene were used in combinations of either 1A+2B or 2B+3C to generate KO1 and KO2 clones respectively. Upon interacting with cas9 enzyme and corresponding guide pairs the target region undergoes non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) repair. This results in the deletion of DNA base pairs in-between the two target guide sites. Using specific primers for the regions flanking the two target guide sites, the wild-type, WT (non-transfected) cells generate a fragment of size 661 and 879 bps for the 1A/2B and 2B/3C sites respectively, upon PCR amplification. The KO1 and KO2 clones (transfected) generate a deleted DNA fragment of size approximately 410 and 639 bps for the 1A/2B and 2B/3C sites respectively. In the agarose gel image, the DNA fragment sizes are indicated in base-pairs (bp) and 'L' indicates ladder.



Supplementary Figure 4. Diazoxide and glibenclamide effects on $I_{CISWELL}$ (a) Representative current-voltage relationship and (b) current-time relationship of $I_{CISWELL}$ in WT murine β -cell at baseline (black trace) and after perfusion with diazoxide (100 μ M) upon hypotonic stimulation (210 mOsm, red trace). (c) Representative current-voltage relationship and (b) current-time relationship of $I_{CISWELL}$ in WT murine β -cell in response to 1 mM glucose (black trace) and 1 mM glucose plus glibenclamide (10 μ M) (red trace). Each recording is representative of those from four separate experiments.



Supplementary Figure 5. Tamoxifen-induced expression of tdTomato in β -cells Tamoxifen-induced expression of tdTomato in β -cells within islets isolated from *Ins1^{CreERT2};Rosa26-tdTomato;Swell1^{fl/fl}* mice. *Ins1^{CreERT2};Rosa26-tdTomato;Swell1^{fl/fl}* mice were injected with 80 mg/kg tamoxifen five times over a 2 week period. Tamoxifen-treatment induced robust β -cell restricted tdTomato expression (red) (left, enlarged in inset) while tdTomato expression was not detected in untreated mice (right). Scale bar represents 200 μ m.



Supplementary Figure 6. Original blots (a) Original western blot in MIN6 cells transduced with sh*Swell1* compared to scrambled short-hairpin RNA (shSCR). β -actin was used as loading control. (b) Original western blot in WT and CRISPR/Cas9-mediated *Swell1* KO MIN6 cell lines. Red rectangles indicate specific bands shown in the corresponding text figures.

Vector	Target region
1A	CCTGCAACGACTCCTTCGGGG
2B	CCACGCACCAGTTCGAAGCTGG
3C	CGATCGGAGACGGGCGTACTGG